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SUBJECT: BULGARIANS SIGN COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH
ORGANIZATION

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1. FEB 14 VISIT OF PIERRE LOIG, PRESIDENT OF ALSTOM-
ALTANTIQUE AND PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
FRENCH CENTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE, PRODUCED WIDE AGREEMENT
ON INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF MACHINE
BUILDING, SHIP BUILDING, HIGH-VOLTAGE EQUIPMENT, AND
NUCLEAR POWER. ON BULGARIAN SIDE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY
DEP MIN FOREIGN TRADE SPAS GEORGIEV. DURING HIS VISIT,
LOIG MET WITH STATE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TODOR ZHIVKOV.

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2. INTERESTING FEATURE OF LOIG'S VISIT AND AGREEMENT
IS REFERENCE TO NUCLEAR POWER. WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE
FRENCH THAT THE CANADIANS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE SALE OF
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NUCLEAR SAFETY AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR THE KOZLOUDUI NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS. (WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO VERIFY THIS.) EQUIP-
MENT PRESENTLY INSTALLED THERE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS BEING
OF POOR QUALITY.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH, THE OFFER REGARDING COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY WAS TABLED

PARTLY IN HOPE OF GENERATING BUSINESS AND PARTLY AS A TEST
TO SEE HOW TIGHTLY SOFIA IS BOUND WITH THE SOVIETS. DURING
A MEETING WITH THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY MARCH 2, THE FRENCH
WERE TOLD THAT THE BULGARIANS HAD NO INTEREST IN COOPERATION
IN THIS AREA. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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